

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

**Whereas**, The residents of South Dakota have been fortunate to be the recipients of the endeavors of a special class of individuals devoted to making our state number one in the transportation field; and,

**Whereas**, Rockey McGinnis has given 36 years of dedicated service to the South Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT); and,

**Whereas**, During his career with the Department of Transportation, Rockey has given exemplary performance in a number of positions starting in the summer of 1973, as a seasonal engineering aide in Faith, until November 1973, when he was hired as a maintenance worker. In July 1987, Rockey transferred to Spearfish, and in April 1996, he was promoted to Lead Maintenance Worker in Belle Fourche, the position from which he will retire; and,

**Whereas**, Rockey has served the people of this great state well, devoting the majority of his working life to the citizens of the state of South Dakota; and,

**Whereas**, During the winters of 1996 and 1997, Rockey operated the snow blower and survived eating cold wieners; and,

**Whereas**, Rockey is a known motorcycle enthusiast and takes great enjoyment in all the Sturgis Rally has to offer; and,

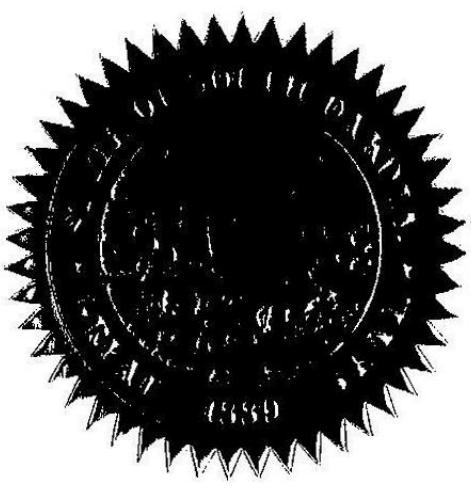
**Whereas**, Rockey's on-the-job professionalism has set high standards for all employees of the DOT, and his honesty, loyalty, and integrity will be missed by his friends and co-workers as he retires on December 23, 2009:

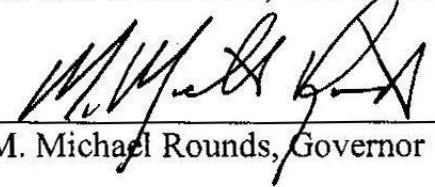
**Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds**, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 23, 2009, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his colleagues, friends, and family as they recognize Rockey for his dedication, compassion, and commitment to the people of South Dakota.

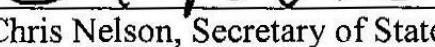
**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.



  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State